

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9 are pending. Applicants have cancelled claim 6 without prejudice to pursuing this subject matter in one or more continuing applications. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Claims 1-5, 7 and 9 will therefore be pending upon entry of the proposed amendments.

Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-5, 7 and 9.

Claim 6 is rejected "on the ground of nonstatutory anticipatory-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1 of U.S. Patent Application No. 11/965,486 and Claim 10 of U.S. Patent Application No. 12/121,228" (Office Action, page 3).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the grounds for the rejection; however, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claim 6, thus rendering the rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

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No fee is believed due. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 06275-514US1 / 101315-1P US.

Respectfully submitted,

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